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***Memorandum***

TO: Elderly & Disabled Advisory Committee      DATE: June 4, 2008  
FR: Christina Atienza  
RE: New Freedom Program – Second Cycle Call for Projects

MTC expects to release within the next three days the call for projects for the second funding cycle of the New Freedom Program. MTC's Program Guidelines and application forms will be available at [www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/new\\_freedom.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/new_freedom.htm). Following are highlights from the upcoming call for projects:

- The second cycle entails a one-year program for large urbanized areas (UAs) with \$1.6 million in available funding, and a three-year program for small UAs with \$1 million in available funding. The target programming amounts for each UA is shown below:

Area	Second Cycle Targets
<b>Bay Area Large UA (1-year program)</b>	<b>\$1,612,117</b>
Antioch	\$60,601
Concord	\$121,779
San Francisco-Oakland	\$950,208
San Jose	\$399,440
Santa Rosa	\$80,089
<b>Bay Area Small UA (3-year program)</b>	<b>\$991,014</b>
Fairfield	\$166,539
Gilroy-Morgan Hill	\$84,825
Livermore	\$98,750
Napa	\$123,621
Petaluma	\$73,957
Vacaville	\$128,969
Vallejo	\$314,353

- Projects are required to be derived from the Elderly & Disabled component of the Bay Area's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, available at [www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/).
- Eligible applicants include: a) private non-profit organizations; b) state or local governmental authority; and c) operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.
- There is no maximum amount for large UA funding requests, except that the request must not exceed the target programming amount. The maximum amount of small UA funding requests is \$125,000 per project per year (federal portion only) or the target programming amount over the entire three-year programming timeframe, whichever is less.
- There are two different applications: one for large UA funds and another for small UA funds. Applicants will be required to select and use whichever application is appropriate for their proposed project.
- Applications for large UA funds will be evaluated based on MTC-adopted criteria including: demonstration of need and expected benefits; evidence of coordination, partnership, and outreach efforts; and project readiness.
- Applications for small UA funds will be evaluated based on Caltrans-adopted criteria including: compliance with program goals and objectives; operational/implementation plan; program effectiveness and performance indicators; communication and outreach; and the applicant's organization and specific project budget.
- A workshop for prospective applicants will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the Fishbowl Conference Room on the third floor of MTC's offices. Attendance is not required but is encouraged.
- Applications are due to MTC by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008. Preliminary results are expected to be announced in September 2008.

At your meeting, MTC staff will be seeking nominations for two EDAC members or other appropriate representatives of the interests of the Bay Area's disabled community to participate in the project evaluation panel.